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"The Negro is an exotic of the most gorgeous and superb countries of the world, and he has deep in his heart a passion for all that is splendid, rich and fanciful."

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

"The image of God cut in ebony."—FULLER.



Alex Lummell

AFRICA AND AMERICA

Addresses and Discourses

BY

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From The Independent, New York.

Africa and America, addresses and discourses. By Alex. Crummell, D. D. (Springfield, Mass.: Willey & Co.) The author of this volume was graduated at Oxford (England). He is the rector of St. Luke's church (Episcopal), Washington, D. C. He is, we believe, a full-blooded Negro, and, to judge from the portrait given in this volume, is a fine example of his race. He lived and worked for some twenty years on the west coast of Africa before he was settled in this country, and is well acquainted with Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the African coast in that vicinity. He is a man of sense and culture, writes well, and is able to express himself not only with point and force, but with dignity and the graces of style. The sixteen addresses which fill the four hundred and sixty-six pages of this volume are an unanswerable vindication of the Negro on this continent and of the hope of his future. It is a collection of practical discussions of practical questions, and brings to bear on them a masterly good sense. The opening address to the graduating class of Storer College, Harper's Ferry, on the "Need of New Ideas and New Aims" is an attempt to turn the attention of colored people from their past wrongs to present duty and opportunity, with some other exemplary good sense in it, notwithstanding the impassioned protest of Frederick Douglass, who could not shake off the conviction that the Negro should never for one moment forget what he had suffered in slavery. The solid path on which Dr. Crummell expects his brethren to rise is described in the following passage (p. 22):

"The only means by which its formidable difficulties may be overcome are time, and arduous labor, and rugged endurance, and the quiet appren-

ticeship in humble duties, and patient waiting, and the clear demonstration of undoubted capacities. All these, I am certain the black man of this country can eventually present as racial qualities. But it is well to remember that they are not the product of a day; that they cannot be made to spring up, gourd-like, in a night season. And hence, you will take no offence if I venture to say that you can leave, for a *little while* at least, all idea of being President of the United States, or even of being sent as Minister to the Court of St. James."

Dr. Crummell exhorts the colored people to devote themselves for the present to "homely industries." He declares that the three special points of weakness in the race at present in the South are: 1, The status of the family; 2, The conditions of labor; and, 3, The element of morals. In one of these addresses he speaks a good word for the black woman of the South, and speaks it most eloquently and forcibly. The tremendous paper in the volume is the "Defence of the Negro Race in America against the Assaults and Charges of the Rev. J. T. Tucker, D. D., of Jackson, Miss.," Dr. Tucker brought in a paper read at the "Church Congress" (Episcopal) at Richmond, Va., in 1882. Dr. Crummell's argument is stronger now than it was when delivered. The progress of the colored people in wealth, training and in recognition is now greater, and the facts are both more numerous and more impressive. But as it stands the reply is an overwhelming example of eloquent indignation, double shot with plenty of the hardest kind of hard facts. The whole book is lively reading, elevated in tone, plausible in manner, eloquent and rich in good sense on practical points, as, for example, the address on "Common Sense in Common Schooling," which is as good for white folk as for colored.

From The Churchman, New York.

Africa and America, addresses and discourses, by Alex. Crummell. The candor, intelligence, self-restraint and vigorous style displayed in this volume are remarkable. The Rev. Dr. Crummell, who is rector of St. Luke's church, Washington, and who has witnessed since his birth in New York, about 1820, the vicissitudes in the slavery, emancipation and enfranchisement of his race, ably defends his people from the aspersions which prejudice or inbred hatred still cast upon them. He endeavors to show what they have already achieved in America and Africa through education, self-government and industrial enterprise.

The papers and addresses, of quite diverse dates and on varied topics, easily arrest the attention of a candid reader.

Their style is attractive for its pure English. The arrangement of their material is clear and effective, and the argument logical. Their treatment of opposite views, prejudices and adverse criticism against the negro people, is admirable. They repel with manly vigor the unwarranted assertions of detractors of negro capability, and the universal condemnation of negro morality and piety, by stating facts to which such detractors are willfully blind. The white man is shown to have suffered as truly as the negro by slavery. American Christianity and civilization, intrusted for two hundred years with the elevation of the negro, failed from their own moral weakness in the white people, to save the black man from his degradation.

The need of new ideas and motives for the negro in America, to counteract the depressing recollections of past slavery and its miseries, is forcibly presented. The solution of the race problem in America is ably discussed from the negro side, as one which would leave the negro and colored population a well-defined ele-

ment in the national life, possessing political rights and privileges and an independent social life, without amalgamation with other races. The plea for the "Black Woman of the South" should awaken a sense of shame and moral responsibility in every American. A eulogium on Thomas Clarkson gives many interesting views of the movement among Anglo-Saxon peoples for the abolition of slavery and the slave trade, especially in Great Britain and her colonies.

Of special merit is the address on the character and eloquence of Henry Highland Garnet, D. D., who died as the United States minister resident to the Republic of Liberia. Garnet was a contemporary of Webster, Clay, and Calhoun, and though he was engaged most prominently in the great anti-slavery conflict, when these statesmen had passed away, his eloquence was scarcely inferior in its effect and popularity to the consummate power of these masters of oratory. He was as renowned for his oratorical genius as he was heroic in his sufferings and labors for the deliverance of his people.

Several papers and addresses on the Liberian question as related to the capacity of the negro race for an independent government and civilization, afford some clear insights into the difficulties pertaining to the larger problem of the regeneration of Africa.

From Mid-Continent Magazine,

Chicago, Ill.

Africa and America, by Alex. Crummell. A collection of addresses and discourses of the author, and being a negro it is natural to expect that he would favor his race. The book proves however that the negro is capable of attaining a high state of intellectual development. Dr. Crummell seems to be actuated only by the motives of improving his race in America.

From The Literary World, Boston, Mass.

All who are intelligently and sympathetically interested in the negro will find this work, *Africa and America*, by one of our black Americans and fellow citizens, of unusual interest. The Rev. Alexander Crummell, the author, is an Episcopal clergyman, rector of St. Luke's church in Washington. The snow on his fine looking head, and on his beard, as seen in his portrait, tells of thoughtful years; and the contents of his book demonstrates that he has studied the problem of his race in Africa as well as America. The volume contains sixteen papers dealing with education, emigration, the needs of the negro in America and in Africa, and the present and future of the black man. Strong common sense is the distinctive note of the book. Mr. Crummell believes in the thorough education of *all* American negroes in the rudiments of knowledge, rather than of a few in the more ornamental or advanced branches. He realizes the dignity of labor, and mourns the fact that education in the higher schools so often disinclines the youth to assist their parents in necessary toil. Several of the discourses were delivered at Monrovia in Liberia. The future of Africa as well as of the negro elsewhere is hopeful, according as he intelligently follows his white brother's guidance, and acts independently by taking home the moral virtues and eternal principles of the best races and civilizations.

From The Writer, Boston, Mass.

Africa and America. By Alex. Crummell. What the author of this book recommends in his paper "The Black Woman of the South," is the establishment of industrial schools for the instruction of young negro girls in domestic work, as well as in the elements of common school education, seems to be a most sensible

suggestion. The intellectual training of the race is apt to be short, extending over only two or three years, he asserts, and this time might be more profitably spent in industrial, as well as intellectual training. In other papers the author replies to the slanders against his race, and offers many thoughts worthy of attention in connection with the race problem.

From The Publishers' Weekly, New York.

Africa and America, by Alex. Crummell, addresses and discourses. The author is rector of St. Luke's church, Washington, D. C., and author of "Future of Africa" and "Greatness of Christ and other sermons." He is an African and has the elevation of his race deeply at heart. These addresses and discourses are all on subjects connected with the negro — as "The race-problem in America," "The black woman of the South," "Defence of the negro race in America," "Regeneration of Africa," etc., etc. A book replete with the best thoughts for a new race in a new era.

From The Living Church, Chicago, Ill.

Africa and America. Addresses and discourses by Alex. Crummell. These papers were written for various occasions by the Rev. Dr. Crummell, well known as the rector of St. Luke's church, Washington, D. C., and now are collected together from the conviction that the views and opinions contained in them may be of value to the Negro race in this land. Dr. Crummell is an earnest champion of his race, and masses his arguments with force and vigor, and in his addresses to his colored brethren at home and abroad he gives them good, sound common sense. In the solution of the troublesome Negro problem, the thoughts and views advocated by Dr. Crummell ought to

and will have weight. So well are his thoughts expressed and so careful is his thinking, that few, unless they turned to the portrait opposite the title page, would imagine the author to be a colored man. With respect to Africa he holds that if ever she is to be regenerated, all the influences and agencies must come from outside, and so we must do our part to win that dark continent for Christ. It seems to us, as we turn over the pages of this volume, that it will certainly do its part as an instrument for influence and progress among his people, as the author fondly hopes.

From The Critic, New York.

Africa and America is a book of unusual interest. It consists of sixteen addresses and discourses by the venerable and still active Rev. Alex. Crummell, rector of St. Luke's church Washington, D. C. The author is an African, and several of his addresses were delivered at Monrovia in Liberia; others before the American Geographical Society, Chickering Hall, New York; at Buffalo, N. Y., before the Church Congress, (Protestant Episcopal); at Ocean Grove, N. J., before The Freedman's Aid Society (Methodist Episcopal); before the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, etc. The style is animated and earnest and the English choice. Free from bitterness or a spirit of denunciation, forgetting the past, save as its remembrance serves tooint an argument or enforce the duties of the present, this prophet's face is toward the future. The call for the shifting of the Negro's thoughts from past servitude to immediate duty and service is the keynote of the volume. The author is a firm believer in the future of Liberia, and of his people, but realizes gladly how much the African race must depend upon Christendom for uplifting and education.

His sturdy commonsense is seen in his emphatic recognition of the dignity of labor. He insists upon the education of the colored people in America, so that, first of all, they may learn to love work and gain a sure livelihood; he deprecates, however, giving them too much of the so-called "higher education." Altogether this is an informing and stimulating book. There is hope for the Negro while he has such leaders and advisers as Dr. Crummell. The race is blessed in such leadership.

From Book Notes, Providence, R. I.

Since the emancipation of the negro slaves there have been several discussions, made by negroes, of the conditions, social or political, of their race here in the United States,—to the end that these conditions may be improved, and the serf become a citizen. The Rev. Dr. Alexander Crummell, rector of St. Luke's church, Washington, D. C., has entered largely into these discussions. His productions have been gathered into a volume and published by Willey & Co., of Springfield, Mass. The book is finely issued and has nearly five hundred pages; among which are discussed these subjects: Need of new motives; Race problem; Black woman of the south, Right mindedness; Commonsense in schooling; Dignity of labor, &c. These papers are characterized by clearness of statement, simplicity, and that which naturally follows—strength. They are a credit to both the head and heart of their author, who has seen service in the Southern States and also in Liberia, and is now a man of many years, overflowing with the poetry and history which in his long pilgrimage he has gathered, and with which he now ornaments his literary productions.

**From Nassau Literary Magazine,
Princeton, N. J.**

Africa and America, by Alex. Crummell. The author of this book, a colored man himself, has, of course, the colored man's interests very near his heart. The volume consists of a series of sixteen addresses and discourses on various questions concerning the colored race. In it we have the race problem in America, and the disposition of our negro population by African colonization, discussed from an intelligent negro's standpoint. It contains much of geographical and physical interest with regard to the Dark Continent, and gives a very clear conception of the Americo-African Republic of Liberia, its obstacles and outlook. The high intellectual and rhetorical character of the addresses is a standing rebuke to those who deny the possibilities of the colored race.

In this grand work are many master pieces of English prose, replete with noble thought and tender feeling,

**From The Newsman,
New York City.**

Africa and America, by Alex. Crummell. The book is published in behalf of the colored population. The work is composed mainly of addresses. The book shows the research of a deep thinker, philanthropist and scholar. He stands as a sentinel pointing out the right way for the negro race the world over. One impressive fact of this worthy book is its total disregard for the past and the constant appeal for present and future. The author is a negro who speaks to his people, and a noble, high-minded champion he is.

Housed in a black skin is equally and alike with the white all that is lofty in mind and noble in soul. There lies an equal immortality.

From "Business," New York.

Africa and America is the title given a collection of addresses by the Rev. Alex. Crummell, recently published in book form. Dr. Crummell whose portrait appears as the frontispiece of the book, is a highly educated colored man who has published other books besides the one referred to. The volume treats of the colored race in Africa and America and the needs and privations of the colored people. The address delivered before the Freedman's Aid Society, Ocean Grove, 1883, entitled "The Black Women of the South" and "Our National Mistakes," delivered in Monrovia, Liberia, 1870, are important features.

The whole work is replete with the great interest that a great cause should awaken when presented by its great champion.

**From The Open Court,
Chicago, Ill.**

Africa and America, by the Rev. Alex. Crummell, consists of a number of remarkable addresses and papers on the various problems that the presence of the negro race in our midst has occasioned, and are written with fervency and earnestness. The titles of the principal papers are: "The Need of New Ideas and New Motives for a New Era;" "The Race-Problem in America;" "The Black Woman of the South: her neglects and her needs;" "Defence of the Negro Race in America;" "The Responsibility of the First Fathers of a Country, for its future life and destiny;" "Our National Mistakes, and the remedy for them."

The book is a masterly review of the great questions affecting whites and blacks in Africa and America. Whites and blacks should read it and heed it.

**From The Overland Monthly,
San Francisco, Cal.**

Africa and America, a collection of addresses, on topics relating to his own race, in Africa and in this country, by Alex. Crummell. It is the most moderate and thoughtful writing, the most educated and mature in literary style, that we have seen from any colored writer. It is free from the crudities of style, the eulogies of small notabilities, the disposition to treat any achievements of negroes as remarkable. The main theme of the discourses is given by the opening one: "The Need of New Ideas and New Motives for a New Era," which urges, first, that the leaders of the colored race should cease to hark back forever to slavery memories, and try to put behind them and forget all that; second, that they put aside for the present political aspirations and desire of show, and try to solve the labor question for their race, and third, that their own character, especially in regard to the sacredness of the family, must be lifted, before they can hope for equal respect and standing with other races.

**From Prof. D. B. Williams, A.M.,
Ph. D., Author of
Freedom and Progress, etc.**

Africa and America, written by Dr. Alexander Crummell of Washington and published by Willey & Co., of Springfield, is one of the most remarkable books ever published by an American author. It contains sixteen addresses and discourses embracing a wide range of ideas of a personal, scientific, racial, national, philosophic, and practical nature. A perusal of the address delivered to the graduating class of Storer College entitled "The Need of New Ideas and New Aims for a New Era" cannot fail to impress one with the fact that Dr. Crummell is a devoted lover of the race and seeks in every way possible to promote their highest welfare. In this very scholarly and

instructive discourse, he proves by sound logical deductions that the claims of the family, the dignity of labor, and morality among the colored people are far more important than those of our political status though he admits that the demands of the latter are needy and urgent. Every lover of the race would be greatly profited by reading with care this grand discourse. "The Race Problem in America" is replete with deep philosophic principles which direct and regulate the growth of races and nations. In it, he has centered the rich results of a life of acute observation and profound historical research. His "Defence of the Negro Race in America" from the assaults and charges of Rev. J. L. Tucker of Miss., would alone rank him among the leading controversialists of the age. No description of this most wonderful defence can give the reader any adequate conception of it. It must be perused and weighed. The charges of his opponent are fairly stated. His refutation is absolute and conclusive. Such keenness of intellect, accurate discrimination, mastery of principles, and marshalling of sledge-hammer facts remind one of the intensity, earnestness, and vigor of Demosthenes in his celebrated oration on the Crown; and yet there is the pleasing difference; he evinces none of the severity, personal references, and harshness of the Grecian orator: throughout the whole may be seen the calmness, meekness, and forgiving spirit of a noble Christian teacher. Every scholar of the race should master the solid arguments of this celebrated discourse.

In his "Black Woman of the South," "The Responsibility of the First Fathers of a Country," eulogies on "Garnett and Clarkson," "The Regeneration of Africa," and others contained in the work, he has demonstrated scholarship the most profound, learning the most universal, patriotism the most ardent, and race love the most loyal. I shall ever re-

gard it as one of my best library books, and shall encourage my students and friends to own and read it; for I am convinced that such a book can do much toward eradicating false ideas among our needy people and in implanting noble ones in them. I most heartily recommend this valuable work to our leading men and women, to every family and school. Dr. Crummell has placed us all under new obligations to him in giving us the ripe thoughts of his long and varied experience. May he at the close of life enter into that "rest that remaineth to the people of God" amid the sacred benedictions of a thoughtful, appreciative people.

**From F. J. Wagner, President,
Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.**

I have read with pleasure and profit the interesting pages of "Africa and America. The sense and sentiment of this book are alike sound and inspiring. The subjects treated are vital to the advancement of the colored race, and not only manifest wisdom in statement and suggestion, but demonstrate also the splendid capacity of the colored man for highest culture and achievement. This book will be an inspiration to all who are working for the good of the colored man as an American citizen.

**From The New York Age,
T. Thomas Fortune, Editor.**

Occasionally I am met with a book of addresses and discourses which possesses, for me, uncommon interest. It does not happen often. It may be I am actuated by a perverted taste. I am not sure. Whatever it is, whenever I attempt to read a book of sermons, author some eminent divine, as a rule I hie me to the land of Nod. Good Dame Fortune has smiled upon me to-day and I hold in my hand at this moment a book of addresses and discourses by Dr. Alexander Crummell, entitled "Africa and America."

These addresses are rare efforts and treat mainly of the race question.

There are sixteen of them, all of which have been delivered within the last twenty years, the most noteworthy, in my opinion, being the one on "The Black Woman of the South."

The one of largest interest because it treats of that feature of our life which will have the strongest bearing on our future. The worthy Doctor's defence of the womanhood of the race is indeed pathetic. We have stood a terrible test. Every part of our living has been stripped of its sweetest charms. Manhood has stood for naught; womanhood, fell as an echo across the fields and found its resting beyond the veiling of the day to come. We must struggle on. "I am anxious," says Dr. Crummell, "for a permanent and uplifting civilization to be engrafted on the Negro race in this land. And this can only be secured through the womanhood of a race. * * * Without them no true nationality, patriotism, religion, cultivation, family life, or true social status is possible. In this matter it takes two to make one—man-kind is a duality. The male may bring, as an exotic, a foreign graft, say of a civilization, to a new people. But what then? Can a graft live or thrive by itself? By no manner of means. It must get vitality from the stock into which it is put; and it is the women who give the sap to every human organization which thrives and flourishes on earth." We must bend our attention to woman-culture, not so much of the kind to be had in the high schools and colleges, as that which might be secured in industrial schools. To quote the author, he says: "I am seeking something humbler, more homelike and practical, in which the education of the hand and the use of the body shall be the specialties, and where the intellectual training will be the incident."

There is not a dead theme in the book and each and every subject is treated with that acuteness of percep-

**From Public Opinion,
Washington, D. C.**

Under the title of "Africa and America" (Willey & Co., Springfield, Mass., 1891; pp. 466) are published sixteen addresses and discourses by Alex. Crummell, Rector of St. Luke's church (colored), Washington, D. C. The author's remarks are addressed to members of his own race, who are exhorted to cease their morbid contemplation of past bondage, and to fix their gaze upon the possibilities of the future; to strive for intellectual enlightenment; and above all to rid themselves as soon as possible from their vices inherited from their slavery days. The colored race is defended against the charge of inherited depravity, and Liberia's experiment at self government receives explanation.

This is truly a great work and opens the mind's eye of the wise of both races.

**From The Southweston Christian
Advocate, New Orleans, La.**

Africa and America, by the Rev. Alex. Crummell, D. D., rector of St. Luke's church, Washington, D. C., is Dr. Crummell's masterpiece. It is made up of several historical addresses delivered by the Doctor on several occasions, and is a contribution of great value; having lived over twenty years in Africa and many more in America; and having been thoroughly educated in England's most renowned university, Cambridge, Dr. Crummell was well prepared to write on topics suggested in the title of his great book. It will live as a monument to his memory long after he is dead.

This book is a literary monument to the Afro-American.

**W. S. Scarborough, Professor
of Ancient Languages and Literature,
Wilberforce University,
Wilberforce, O., says:**

"A remarkable book by a Great Divine!" When we take into account the ripe scholarship and eminent piety of Dr. Crummell we could not expect other than a great book from such a man. "Africa and America" is fully up to the standard and deserves a wide reading by all classes and all races. The author philosophizes in a masterly manner and shows that he has, for a long time made a study of the topics discussed. From the first subject to the last there is hardly a dull sentence or dry line in it; and for clean, logical discernment and candor of expression Dr. Crummell merits greatest praise. The book is the thoughtful product of a thoughtful mind.

**From The Pilot, Washington, D.C
Reviewed by "Bruce Grit,"
"Salambo."**

Africa and America, by Alex. Crummell. From the press of Willey & Company another volume notable for its literary elegance has been added to the literature of the colored race. It is a book of 466 pages and is printed on good paper in bold, clear type. Dr. Crummell is acknowledged to be one of the few Negroes in America who write and speak the English language with scrupulous precision. As its title implies the book is upon subjects of peculiar interests to the Negroes of Africa and America. Among this collection of literary gems, I have only space to briefly quote: "equally skeptical am I as to the manifest desires which I see in many quarters for addiction to aesthetic culture as a special vocation of the race in this country. It is an aptitude I acknowledge, constitutional to the race and it cannot be ignored. After two hundred years resi-

dence in the higher latitudes we are still a tropical race, and the warmth of the central regions constantly discovers itself in voice and love of harmonies, both those which appeal to the eye by color and those which affect the sensibilities through the ear."

* * * * * "Society cannot be built up upon the strength which comes from rose water. While I have the firmest convictions that the black race in this country will eventually take rank among the very highest in the several spheres of art, I am equally convinced that the great demand of this day is for the homely industries among us; that a premature addiction to aesthetics will be severally disastrous, that as a people we should be careful to avoid a useless expenditure of our strength and resources."

Perhaps the finest and most eloquent of this splendid collection—I had almost said classics—is his Eulogium on the life and character of Thomas Clarkson of England, delivered in New York, Dec. 26, 1846, and in which occurs this magnificent passage—"The lives of some men are poems, they are filled with light and adorned with grace and beauty. The lives of others are martyrdoms. They die daily. The lives of another class are heroisms. They do wondrous deeds and perform most marvelous acts. The lives of a few are prophecies, they make revelations and open the portals of the future. To cite no more than these: how picturesque how benign and gladsome—how full of grandeur and sublimity the lives of Xavier, and Heber, of Dante and Spenser, and in sacred writ of Elijah and the beloved St. John. These lived in the world of light and beauty, they walked beneath the open heavens of sentiment and love, they breathed empyreal air, sons of the morning."

I cannot close this article without a quotation from his eulogy upon Henry Highland Garnett of blessed memory, who was gathered unto his father's in far off Africa while U. S. Minister at Liberia. It

was delivered before the Union Literary and Historical Association in this city May 4th, 1882. For eloquence and pathos it will stand without an equal in the English language. It is his peroration and his soulful words are full of meaning and sorrow.

"Minute guns were fired at every foot fall of the solemn procession. And when they laid him lowly in the sod, there was heard, on the hills, in the valleys and on the waters, the tributary peals of instantaneous thunder which announced through the still air the closing of the grave."

"I know the very spot they laid him. The cemetery is called Palm Grove. There clusters of the stately palm lift up their graceful forms, and spread abroad their feathery tops waving in the breeze."

"There he is, the deep Atlantic but a few steps beyond, its perpetual surges beating at his feet, chanting evermore the chorus anthems of the ocean, the solemn requiem of the dead. No marble cenotaph as yet marks the place of his deep repose, but ere long we in America with his admirers in Europe and Africa, will erect on the Western Coast a shaft which shall fitly commemorate this glorious son of Africa."

"Farewell friend of my youth, statesman, poet, orator, clergyman, philanthropist, and yet not farewell, for never can we forget thee. Ever shalt thou be embalmed in our richest memories! and thy tomb shall be the shrine whither perpetually our fond hearts shall travel, and the sons of Africa though long periods shall proudly visit. For if in the future as in the past, men continue to prize noble gifts used for the highest purposes, to honor devoted service freely given for the maintenance of youth and justice, to applaud lofty speech used for the upbuilding of humanity and the advancement of the race, to revere pure and lofty character, a lifetime illustration of the finest qualities of our kind,

Then o'er his mold a sanctity shall
brood.

Till the stars sicken at the day of
doom."

I could wish that every young man
of the race possessed a copy of this
book of Dr. Crummell's. It is an *in-
spiration*, and may not be inappro-
priately characterized as a —

"A thing of beauty and a joy forever."

**Virginia Seminary,
Rev. P. F. Morris, Ex-Pres.,
Lynchburg, Va.**

"Africa and America" a book writ-
ten by Rev. Dr. Alex. Crummell, who
is one of the leading divines in Amer-
ica. The book though consisting of
a series of discourses delivered at
different times, the subjects discussed
are no less exhaustively treated on
that account. They are thoroughly,
thoughtfully and entertainingly treat-
ed, so that those who read cannot
fail to be interested in the measure of
treatment as well as in the subject-
matter. I have no hesitancy in say-
ing: 1st. That it is one of the few
books written upon current topics,
which confronts and disturbs us to-
day that will survive time and be
read with deep interest by coming
generations, long after the questions
are settled. 2nd. It will be a book
of information and a standard of au-
thority that will make it a source of
delight to many. I look upon it as
one of the very best books published
by any colored author and the most
thoughtful upon the particular sub-
jects treated. It should have a place
in every library.

**From The Southern Star,
Atlanta, Ga.**

Africa and America, by Alex.
Crummell. This book is published
in behalf of the colored population.
The work is composed mainly of ad-
dresses. The book shows the research
of a deep thinker, philanthropist and
scholar. He stands as a sentinel

pointing out the right way for the
negro race the world over. One im-
pressive fact of this worthy book is
its total disregard for the past and
the constant appeal for present and
future. The author is a negro who
speaks to his people, and a noble,
high-minded champion he is.

**From The Boston News,
Boston, Mass.**

Africa and America. This collec-
tion of addresses and discourses by
Rev. Alexander Crummell, the well-
known rector of St. Luke's church at
Washington, appears in a handsomely
gotten up volume, which is adorn-
ed with a portrait of the author.

In his preface, Dr. Crummell says
that he had desired the publication
of the volume, believing that the
views and opinions advanced may be
of value to the negro race in Amer-
ica. The volume is submitted with
the hope that it may prove an instru-
ment for influence and progress a-
mong the author's people.

Of the 16 essays in the volume, the
foremost place is assigned to that
upon "The need of New Ideas and
New Aims for a New Era." This
was an address to the graduating
class of Storer college, Harper's Fer-
ry, W. Va. Dr. Crummell rightly
holds the subject discussed to be one
of first-rate importance in consider-
ing the present and future of the
black race in the United States. The
leading thought of the address is the
shifting of the general thought from
past servitude to duty and ser-
vice in the present.

Of the essays, those upon "The
Race Problem in America" and "The
Black Woman of the South," and
especially the "Defence of the Negro
Race in America," are of especial
value, and contains much food for
thought. The papers relating to Af-
rica and the republic of Liberia are
also of much interest. The entire
collection will well repay a careful
perusal.

tion which establishes Dr. Crummell as one of the profound and original thinkers of the race. Those who secure the volume will add a valuable contribution to their stock of books and receive a freshened interest in the things which make for the future good of the race.

From The Southern Workman.

The Rev. Alex. Crummell, has recently produced a book which will be read with earnest attention by all who are interested in the development and condition of the Negro race. If a life-time of experience in the cause, and of identification with as well as devotion to it, can qualify a man for such a work as this, Dr. Crummell may be regarded as a competent authority on his subject.

It is impossible to read it without reflecting upon the difference between the condition of the American Negro at that day, when slavery existed and his condition at the present time. One cannot help envying the exultation which enlightened and devoted members of the oppressed race must have felt in seeing that prodigious transformation effected. Dr. Crummell is no dreamer, he has sounded the capacity of his people and he believes in them.

Among the most interesting and valuable of the papers are those relating to Africa, for which a long residence in that country has afforded the author ample material. He was the Chairman of the Commission appointed in 1861, by President Benson of the Republic of Liberia, to invite the immigration of American and West Indian Negroes. The picture that he draws of this struggling Commonwealth is suggestive.

Such a book as this is both a prophecy and a fulfilment. While such clear heads, eager hands and warm hearts as Dr. Crummell's exist among them, surely the Negro race need not despair.

From The Congregationalist, Boston, Mass.

Rev. Alex. Crummell, rector of St. Luke's church in Washington, D. C., is a colored man and is the author of "Africa and America" a volume of excellent addresses and discourses delivered on various public occasions. He discusses with special wisdom topics connected with the material and moral welfare of the black race, and exhibits a practical insight and a broad range of view which give weight to his words.

From The Evangelist, New York City.

Africa and America. The author of this book speaks with the authority which inheres in a thorough understanding of his subject. Himself a colored man, once a slave, who has by his own exertions won a place of honor and respect among Christian ministers and thinking men, and who has made a study as sympathetic as searching into the whole subject of the needs of his own race and all that is involved in the so-called "race problem."

The literary character of the book is surprisingly good when one considers through what disadvantages its author has won his present command of language and of thought. It is interesting from cover to cover and deserves a wide reading.

From The American Bookseller.

Africa and America, by Alexander Crummell, a very intelligent man of African blood. "The whole subject is, without doubt, a matter of first-rate importance. Dr. Crummell states his case clearly and vigorously, and defends his position with keen logic as well as fairness of reasoning. His book ought to be read, not only by the intelligent members of his own race, but by all others who desire to obtain a knowledge of this vexed question.

